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RIOT AND FIRE BY OHIO MOB. MILITIA OUT AFTER LYNCHING

OF SPRINGFIELD NEGRO. Negro Quarter in Flames Early This Morning-Howling Mob of 2,000 Shoots at the Negroes-Five Militia Companies Sent by Gov. Herrick at Mayor's

Request Find Trouble at Start.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, March 9 .- 1 A. M .-Riot and fire in the negro quarter in the levee district of the town have now followed the lynching of the negro, Richard Dickerson, who was taken from the county jail on Monday night and strung to a telegraph pole.

After five militia companies had been ordered out from other cities and the local guardsmen called to duty, howling, hooting mobs got to work in the levee district.

Beginning with throwing stones at the windows of the negroes' houses, the mob soon began to shoot at every black head that appeared. Over 500 were in one mob. Another crowd soon followed that mob. Soon there were 2,000 negro hunters in the

district. Several fires were started in the section. At 11:30 o'clock Police Chief Warner said that if help didn't arrive soon the levee district would be destroyed.

Major Kirkpatrick at that time was rushing to the scene with a militia company from

At 11:35 o'clock four buildings were on fire, one of which is Lou Thomas's notorious dive. The fire was then eating westward toward the centre of the city. At midnight a whole square in the levee district was on fire. The most notorious joints are destroyed. The militia had been

reenforced by the Urbana company. The mob was under control half a block away. The soldiers said that the only thing to be done was to let the buildings burn, as the firemen could not handle the flames.

No one at that time had been hurt. SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, March 8 .- As a result of the lynching of the negro Richard Dickerson, who was taken from the county jail here last night and strung up to a telegraph pole, five companies of the Ohio National Guard were ordered here to-night. Mob violence had been threatened all day.

The companies were ordered out by Gov. Herrick from Wibana, Dayton, Mamisburg and Xenia. They were sent at the request of Mayor Bowlus, Sheriff Routzahn and other city and county officials.

During the afternoon little knots of men were seen conversing in low tones, and threats were heard that the crowd was going to kill five policemen and burn the levee. The negroes were determined to avenge the lynching of Richard Dickerson, and the white men threatened to destroy the levee, which is inhabited by the lowest types of humanity.

Fearful of the consequences of the mutterings a conference was held in the Mayor's office te-night by Mayor Bowlus, Sheriff Floyd Routzahn, President W. R. Burnett and George Cotton of the Board of Publio Safety: County Prosecutor John B. McGrew, Major T. J. Kirkpatrick of the Third Regiment and Chief of Police R. E. O'Brien. As a result of their deliberation the following telegram was sent to Gov. Herrick:

After conference with Chief of Police, Sheriff and Major Kirkpatrick, send me quick as possible in command of Colonel, six companies and order companies into their armor-'Phone me when and from where aid will come. In response to this the Mayor received

Your messages received. Will be complied with at once. Keep us fully advised

on the situation. MYRON T. HERRICK. Governor.

It was understood that Col. Harry Mead of Dayton is coming with the militia. Major Kirkpatrick notified Mayor Bowlus that he had assembled Companies B and

E of the Third Regiment at their armories in this city. It was planned to place the various companies on the levee in the centre of the city and at the homes of several of the officials.

whose lives had been threatened. One of these is Police Judge J. Miller. Major Kirkpatrick planned to keep his companies at the armories as long as possible, as all the ammunition is there. If

it were left without guard the mob would have its own way.

Mayor Bowlus issued an order to Chief of Police O'Brien to close all the saloons of

Dr. Heckert, the president of Wittenberg College, in discussing the lynching in chape

this morning, said: "The occurrence last night is to be deeply regretted. Springfield, with all its advance-

ment, culture and progress, in one night went back 10,000 years into barbarism. This crime will be a stain upon the name of Springfield for the next fifty years at least. The students and every one connected with Wittenberg ought in their conversation to condemn in the strongest terms the action of the lynchers and thus aid in creating a better public opinion." COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 8 .- Gov. Herrick,

who arrived home at 5 o'clock this afternoon from New York, was greatly worried over the lynching at Springfield and eagerly awaited all news from there. As he paced back and forth in his office to-night, after having ordered out all the troops asked for, he said:

I got back late this afternoon and have not had time to get fully conversant with this lynching affair at Springfield. It certainly was the most deplorable and disgraceful affair that could possibly have happened in Ohio. The State did all it could last night to prevent it and acted quickly, but the lynching was all over before troops could be ordered out."

SHE'S 26 AND HAS 13 CHILDREN. Care of the Family Drove Mrs. Abernathy Insane, Her Husband Says.

Mrs. 'Eva Abernathy, who, according to her husband, is only 26 years old, was put in the psychopathic ward at Bellevue Hospital last night. She lives at 126 West Thirty-first street. Her husband, a porter, said that she had been made insane by the care of their thirteen children, all of whom are alive. She has made threats, he said,

irs. Abernathy was in the emergency ward in Bellevue Hospital in January and then gave birth to twins.

Burnett's Extract of Vanilla

Handling a Pistol in His Bedroom-The Coroner Suggests Sulcide.

John A. Henneberry, Jr., a son of John A. Henneberry, who managed District Attorney Jerome's campaign and is now chief clerk in the District Attorney's of fice, shot himself in the head, killing himself instantly, at his home, 171 East Ninetieth street, last night. Mr. Henneberry said that the boy shot himself accidentally Coroner Jackson, however, thinks it was a case of suicide.

Young Henneberry, who was 22 years old, was employed as a clerk by Mitchell & Co., the Fifth avenue tailors. His father said that he was in good spirits last night and attended a meeting of the Catholic Benevolent Legion, where he paid his dues. He returned home about 10 o'clock and chatted with his mother, brother and sister. The elder Henneberry left the house for a smoke.

The boy said good night to the other members of the family and then went to his room. A shot was heard and the boy was found lying in front of a bureau with pistol in his hand. There was a bullet wound over the right eye.

Mr. Henneberry said that the boy had been talking of vacation time during the evening and he had probably taken out the revolver to examine it.

MUST HAVE 1.000-FOOT PIERS. If We Don't, Says the Mayor, We'll Lose the European Passenger Business.

Unless the city can build piers 1,000 feet long on the North River front the big transatlantic steamers are likely to go to Boston or Philadelphia to dock. That was what Mayor McClellan said yesterday when he pointed out that one of the most important duties of the present administration is to impress on the War Department the necessity of extending the pierhead line.

"The Cunard Line," the Mayor explained, is laying down two ships of 805 feet length. The longest of the new piers on the North River is only 800 feet, and as the ships cannot approach within forty feet of the bulknead, because of the shallow water, the new Cunard ships if docked at the present piers would stick out thirty-five feet beyond the

"Other companies will have to follow the lead of the Cunard company in building longer and more powerful ships, and if New York is to continue to be the principal passenger port of this country the pier line will have to be extended to enable the city

to construct longer piers. "I know that Boston and Philadelphia are making attractive propositions to the companies, and unless we do something speedily the larger boats of the steamship companies may make one of those two ports their stopping place in this country."

The War Department has hitherto objected to the extension of the pierhead line, asserting that it would interfere with the channel of the river. In Mayor Low's administration it was planned to overcome this difficulty by purchasing land for inland excavation purposes in order to carry out the general Chelsea dock improvement scheme, which called for the building of 1,000-foot piers. Mayor McClellan, however, is anxious to save this expenditure and intends to work for the reversal of Secretary Root's decision.

INVENTION A SWINDLE, HE SAYS. Temple Says Fisher Got \$4,500 From

Him by a Copper Tempering Tale. Edward Temple, who says he lives at the station house last night and told the sergeant that earlier in the day he had secured from Magistrate Barlow a warrant for the arrest of James K. Fisher, a cement manufacturer, who lives at the Gregorian apartment house, 42 West Thirty-fifth street. He accused Fisher of misappropriating \$143.

The warrant, Temple said, was in the hands of a court officer, but he had just learned that Fisher had returned to his home, and he wanted the sergeant to send a policeman around immediately to arrest

When the sergeant told him that he would have to make a complaint Temple demurred out finally consented.

He said that Fisher in the past year had swindled him out of \$1,500 by inducing him to put up the money for a half interest in a discovery that Fisher said he had made of the lost art of tempering copper. Of this amount \$500 was put up in cash and the rest in negotiable paper.

Fisher was arrested by Detective Quinn n answer to a note sent to him by the reporters he said that he had met Temple in England and that the \$4,000 he has given him in notes was in payment of sums that he had loaned Temple.

WON'T BE AT NEWPORT.

W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr.'s Reply to the Town's Booming Committee.

NEWPORT, R. I., March 8.—Several days ago the Newport progress committee, which is undertaking the work of booming Newport as a summer resort, invited a number of prominent New Yorkers, who are also summer residents and visitors. to cooperate with them in the proposed building of a racetrack at Newport. In this number was William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., who, it was hoped, would interest himself in the matter. To-day word was received from him declining the invitation and saying that he would not be in Newport this summer.

Many think that Mr. Vanderbilt was iriven out of Newport on account of police persecution, as two years ago he was repeatedly arrested for fast driving of his automobile. Mr. Vanderbilt felt that he was being unjustly dealt with then and announced that he would have nothing more to do with the place. He followed this up by immediately leaving Newport.

SHOT MAN WHO CUFFED HIM. Vengeful Italian Who Stole Milk Fires Five Bullets at Milkman.

BELLEVILLE, N. J., March 8 .- Alvin W Case, a milk dealer of this place, while in the Soho district this morning caught and cuffed an Italian who had taken a bottle of milk from his wagon. As Case drove toward Bloomfield the Italian followed on a run, overtaking the rig at Willett

street. Residents in the vicinity heard five shots, and Case was found lying in the bottom of his wagon with an ugly wound in his hip. His assailant was seen running along the towpath of the canal. A crowd of men and boys started in pursuit. Constable Daly arrested the fugitive, who gave his name as Thomas Parillo of Heckel street. He was taken to the county jail

J. A. HÉNNEBERRY, JR., KILLED. DEATH IN CANDY POISON CASE.

EXTRADITION FIGHT ON IN SOUTH DAKOTA'S TRAGEDY,

Whose Details Parallel the Botkin Case -Mrs. Dye, in Jail, Denies Having Sent Miss Nelson the Candy-Reconciled Husband Stands by Her.

PIERRE, S. D., March 8.-Miss Rena Nelon, the victim in the candy poisoning case, whose details appear to make it identical with California's famous Botkin case, died here this morning. The candy was sent to her by an unknown person.

Mrs. Sherman Dye of Boone, Ia., whose husband admits having known Miss Nelson well, is under arrest at her home charged with the crime. Her husband is a telegraph operator.

For several months Mrs. Dye and her little daughter were estranged from Dye, but since her arrest Mr. Dve has been most attentive to his wife and declares his belief in her innocence. He admits that he was acquainted with Miss Rena Nelson and that he corresponded with her. It appears from a statement made by Miss Nelson over & week ago that she met Dye at Des Moines, Ia., where he represented to her that he was a divorced man; that his affection for her was reciprocated and that she thought

or expected to be married to him.

Miss Nelson was a telephone girl at Boone when she met Dye, and when she returned to her home, on a farm near Pierre, two years ago she and Dye continued to correspond. Mrs. Dye admits that she was jealous of Miss Nelson, whose letters to Dye were intercepted by her, but asserts that she had no thought of doing violence.

A telegram from Boone declares that it is probable that another admirer of Dye may have sent the poisoned candy to get rid of a rival and that the friends of Mrs. Dye are working on this theory.

in a dispute as to whether Mrs. Dye can be extradited from Iowa. Reports reached here this afternoon that Gov. Cummins of Iowa intended to

The authorities of each State are already

honor the requisition asked for by the Governor of South Dakota. The Coroner is meanwhile holding an inquest on Miss Nelson's case. She lived more than seven days in great agony after

receiving the candy. It reached her through

the mail and was addressed in a feminine

DES MOINES, March 8 .- Mrs. Dye will probably go forth from jail to-morrow a free woman without having been exonerated from the charge against her. Requisition papers addressed by the Governor of South Dakota to Gov. Cummins were dishonored by the latter this evening on the ground that a Supreme Court ruling makes it impossible for him to extradite a person unless that person has committed a crime in some other State and has fled therefrom. In this case, Mrs. Dye was never in South Dakota, and therefore is not subject to

The Governor raises another point in formally by suggesting that the law requires that one be prosecuted for crime in the place at which the crime is consummated. As the murder was actually onsummated in South Dakota he does not believe Mrs. Dve could be prosecuted under the Iows law at Boone or any other point in this State. He renders this opinion after having obtained the advice of the Attorney-

Under the circumstances it therefore seems probable that Mrs. Dye will be released when her application for habeas corpus is heard at Boone, to-morrow.

Sheriff Hughes of South Dakota says that Miss Nelson's parents are wealthy and highly respected and that the girl is a model of virtue as well as physical beauty. For two years after meeting Dye at Boone she believed herself engaged to him and corresponded with him without once learning that his representations to her that he had been divorced from his wife years ago were

Mrs. Dve was an invalid at the time Miss Nelson visited Boone. That accounts for the fact that Miss Nelson never saw her. Mrs. Dye says, however, that she was informed of her husband's infatuation for Miss Nelson and quarrelled with him repeatedly on that account. She says that she intercepted several letters and presents addressed to him by Miss Nelson.

She stoutly maintains that she did not mail the poisoned candy to Pierre. That it was poisoned candy that caused the death has been established by chemical analysis. Dve has become reconciled with his wife since her arrest and spends much of the time in her cell weeping.

JOHN E. KERR, JR., TO REMARRY. He and Katherine Moran Take Out a Li cense in Jersey City.

A man about 40 years old and a woman somewhat younger, who bore resemblance, it was said, to Mrs. Leslie Carter, the actress, applied for a marriage license at the County Clerk's office in Jersey City yesterday afternoon. Both gave their addresses as New York. All non-residents, under the laws of New Jersey, have to obtain a license in order to marry in that State, the license not being good until five days after it is issued. The man gave his name as John E. Kerr

and his address as the New York Athletic Club. His companion gave her name as Katherine Moran and said that she lived with her father, John Moran, in New Rochelle, but that her present address was 200 West Eighty-sixth street. Mr. Kerr, in answer to the question whether he had been married before, said that he had married Edythe Cater in 1891, the Rev Heber Newton performing the ceremony and that recently he had been divorced.

Mr. Kerr is a wine merchant and member of the firm of John E. Kerr & Co., at 41 Beaver street. He is a member of the New York Athletic Club, the New York and Nineteenth Century clubs and the Ardsley Casino. Up to last summer he and his former wife lived at 260 West Seventyeighth street.

BROKE HER HORSEWHIP ON HIM. Capt. Lewis M. Price of Oceanport Lashed

by Mrs. Lemuel Rhoades. RED BANK, N. J., March 8.-Capt. Lewis M. Price of Oceanport was horsewhipped last night in the Oceanport post office by Mrs. Lemuel Rhoads. Capt. Price and Mrs. Rhoades are neighbors, and Mrs. Rhoades says that the captain has insulted her more than once. The captain made his accustomed trip to the post office last night Mrs. Rhoades met him, and, after slapping his face, began to lash him over the head and shoulders with a horsewhip. The whip was broken to pieces

STRONG TALK TO THE SULTAN. DROWNED; HAD DISBROW CARD Russia and Austria Say He Must Accept an International Gendarmerie.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 8.-A despatch from Constantinople says that last Thursday the Austrian and Russian Ambassadors visited the Sultan and insisted that he accept the proposals of the reforms commission for the establishment of an international

There is no indication yet that the Porte will vield to the demand of the embassies relative to the powers to be conferred on the foreign officers of the gendarmerie. It is believed that the Porte will postpone a reply and raise new objections.

THE SUN'S Vienna correspondent, in view of the Sultan's resistance to the gendarmerie reform, says that Austria and Russia are strongly resolved to make it a question of force, if necessary. He says that the Balkan situation, in spite of official declarations, is very bad.

PETE DAILEY MINUS OVERCOAT. He Bought It of a Montreal Blockade

Runner and Uncle Sam's Got It. Peter F. Dailey, who is now in the West with the Weber-Fields, left this city without his new Persian lamb overcoat. The loss of the overcoat was due to the fact that it came into this country without paying duty and when this was brought to his

attention Mr. Dailey sent the overcoat down to the Custom House by a messenger at his own expense. Mr. Dailey bought the Persian lamb vercoat and a lady's Persian lamb coat and muff, representing in all an investment of about \$850 in furs, in a Montreal fur house last year. The Montreal house sold the furs to Mr. Dailey with an agreement that they should be forwarded to him in this city duty paid. The customs people, however, discovered that the duties had not been paid by the Montreal house, and

The furs were turned over to the United States Marshal and will be sold at public auction on April 18. The Montreal house in question has been involved in a number of operations of this kind, and many prominent New York people who bought furs of it have been visited by the customs officers in this city and compelled to give up their purchases. A petition wassent to the Treasury Department asking that on payment of duties the furs be returned to the New Yorkers, inasmuch as they were innocent of participation in the smuggling, but the Department ruled that the goods must be sold for their ap-

STATEN ISLAND FERRY HIATUS.

praised value.

Company Expected to Quit in June; City Roats Won't Be Ready Until Next Year. Mayor McClellan and Comptroller Grout | Four Officials, Two on Opposite Sides, Get re seeking to persuade the Staten Island Ferry Company to operate its boats until the spring of 1906, when the city can start te municipal ferry. The company's franchise expires in June and the probability is that it will decline to continue running posts thereafter. In that case the city will either have to hire boats or purchase the boats of the Staten Island Company.

They seem to have us by the throat the Mayor said yesterday. "I understand that there is a provision in the lease which allows us to take over the boats at a fair ennraisal, but what does the city with old boats when it is going to build five new high speed boats?

Comptroller Grout said he was negotiating with the company in order to make as favorable an arrangement as possible, but that nothing had been settled.

HELD ON SAILORS COMPLAINTS. Lighthouse Inspector Arrested for Detaining Fifteen of the Nina's Crew.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. SAN JUAN, P. R., March 8.-Lieutenant-Commander W. C. Cutler, lighthouse inspector, has been arrested by the Federal authorities, charged with alleged illegal detention and with threatening bodily harm to fifteen men who refused to serve as sailors on the Nina, now on the way to Pensacola.

A warrant was also issued for Capt. Lyman of the Nina. He was released on a \$1,000 bond, and will be heard before the United States Commissioner

TRYING NIHILIST CASES. Military Tribunal Sitting in Secret on Assessinations and Other Crimes.

Selected Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, March 8 .- A militar: tribunal is trying in camera seven of the illeged authors or accomplices in Nihilistic crimes, including the assassination of M Sipiaguine, Minister of the Interior, and M. Bogdanovitch, Governor of Ufa. The chief prisoners are Dr. Herschung and

Lieut. Grigorieff.

MR. BALFOUR'S DISCLAIMER.

Tells the House of Commons That He Wil Not Deal With Fiscal Question Now.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 8 .- In the House of Commons to-day Premier Balfour stated that it was not proposed to deal with the fiscal nestion during the present session of Parliament. The Government's declared policy did not include the taxation of food.

Mikado's Condolences Over Waldersee' Death.

Special Cable Despaich to THE SUN.
TOKIO, March 8.—The Emperor of Japan has sen to the German Emperor, through Foreign Minister Komura and Count Inouye, Japanese Ministe at Berlin, a message o ondolence upon the death of Count von Waldersee. The Japanese Minister of War has also sent a message of condolence, in which he says that Von Waldersee, whe commanding the allies during the Pekir ampaign, and afterward, during his visit to Japan, endeared himself to the Japanese

Hugo Brendel, the Berlin Banker, a Suicide

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, March 8.-Hugo Brendel, a part ner in the banking firm of Brendel & Co. which suspended yesterday, committed suicide to-day.

Queen Helena Taken Ill Suddenly. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR. PARIS, March 8.- A telegram from Ron says that Queen Helena has been taken ill suddenly. She is the daughter of Nicholas, Prince of Montenegro.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE OF MRS. JACOB EISNER.

Found in the Water at Arverne-She Had Not Long Before Met J. P. Disbrow, as a Stranger, Borrowed 50 Cents and Taken His Card-Had Melancholia.

A drowned woman, believed to have een Mrs. Jacob Eisner, the wife of a clothier living at 1851 Seventh avenue, Manhattan, was taken out of the water at the foot of Storm avenue, Arverne, yesterday after-The body was found by Richard P.

Murphy of Far Rockaway in a couple of

feet of water at the end of the boardwalk.

The life saving crew carried it to Trudden'

morgue at Rockaway Beach. The woman

wore a fur jacket and a blue silk polka dot skirt and waist. In her pocket was a hand-kerchief marked "B" and in a purse the business card of Disbrow & Co., dealers in electrical supplies at Richmond Hill. Recollection of the Disbrow and "Dimple" Lawrence case led to an energetic inquiry, and it soon developed how the woman had got the Disbrow card. She got off the 11:16 o'clock train from Long Island City. A few minutes after that Joseph Pell Disbrow, a brother of Louis Disbrow, who was acquitted of the murder of "Dimple" Law-

two years ago, was standing at the station when, as he relates, the woman, or a woman answering the description, came up to him and said: "I know this is a strange request, but I want to borrow 50 cents. I have 30 or 40 cents, but I must telephone to New York before I leave here. I am not begging I'll give you my name and address, and if you will give me your card I will send

rence and Clarence Foster in Tianna, L. I.,

She told him she was Mrs. J. Eisner of 1851 Seventh avenue, and Disbrow wrote it down. Then he gave her his business

card and lent her the money. He went to Hammel's to keep a business brought this fact to Mr. Dailey's attention. engagement, and when he got back to Far Rockaway three hours later he heard of the finding of the woman's body. The woman had taken the next train to Long Island City and got off at Arverne. Sh was seen walking toward the water.

Mr. Eisner said last night that he felt sure the woman was his wife, whose first name was Becky. She had been suffering from melancholia for three weeks. After her husband started for business

vesterday morning she got out of bed for the first time since her illness and told her two maids that she was going shopping. They tried to detain her, but she insisted on going out. She telephoned to the house about noon and her husband had been

when he heard from Arverne. VOTING MACHINE TRICKY

300 Votes Each. WASHINGTON, N. J., March 8 .- One of he new voting machines distributed throughout the State last fall caused i lot of trouble here to-day. Borough Clark Christine fixed the machine last night and turned the keys over to the election board. The board met early this morning, opened the machine and changed the order of the tickets. Christine says he placed the Independent candidates first and the Citizens candidates last, as law specifies that the party polling the largest vote at the pre-

ding election be placed first. Members of the board and Christine nearly had a fist fight for supremacy and police were called in to restore order. Chrisine finally gave in and prepared the ma-

chine for the voters To-night when the machine was opened the register showed that all four candidates for Council had run alike and the other candidates for smaller offices were forty short of the poll book, which registered The Councilmen each had 369 votes, notwithstanding that two were on opposite tickets. The election will undoubtedly

be void. MINING EXPERT ARRESTED. Butte Man Accused of Libel in Telegran

Sent to New York.

BUTTE, Mon., March 8 .- The Hon. Marin Buckley, ex-member of the Legislature, was arrested this evening on a charge of criminal libel preferred against him by the Hon. Marcus L. Hewitt, general manager of the Cataract Copper Mining Company. Buckley was employed by the company as superintendent and had a claim against the company for \$1,250 for expert reports made on the Cataract properties and could not get a settlement out of Hewitt, according to his story. Buckley, it is charged, then sent a telegram to Carl G Weidinger of New York, the president of the company, advising him not to advance any more money to Hewitt and saying: "You are getting jobbed bad and

robbed." Weidinger repeated the telegram to Hewitt, and the arrest for criminal libel

followed. Buckley was arrested and released or bonds. He has been for many years one of Senator Clark's expert mining men.

TO STOP COAL STRIKE. Mitchell Working Against It Sentiment

Evenly Divided. INDIANAPOLIS, March 8 .- The sentiment of the coal miners on the strike question will develop at the meeting of the bituminous workers at Terre Haute to-day. A determined effort is making to down the trike sentiment.

The ballots for the vote to be taken next Tuesday as to whether the miners will adopt the proposed 5 per cent. reduction or strike are being printed here. They will e sent out soon to the locals. It is thought that 175,000 votes will be cast.

President Mitchell and the officers sympathy with him are doing everything possible to prevent a strike. Reports eceived at the miners' headquarters indicate that sentiment in the Eastern districts is against the strike. In Illinois it is against the reduction. In no district is the sentiment one-sided. Indiana is the doubtful State that may decide the issue. The sentiment in Indiana is divided.

No Instructions by Pennsylvania.

Col. James M. Guffey, the national Democratic committeeman from Pennsylvania, was in this city yesterday. He said that the State was so hopelessly Republican that Pennsylvania would not attempt to put forward any candidate and would send to St. Louis an uninstructed delegaBULLET FOR LEDGERWOOD.

Attempt to Kill Benton McMilin's Opponent in Tennessee.

KNOXVIELE, Tenn., March 8.-A bullet fired through a car window here to-night passed within a few inches of ex-State Senator W. L. Ledgerwood's head. The friends of the ex-Senator are inclined to the belief that it was intended to kill him.

Recently some one hit Ledgerwood with a stone, while near his home in a northern suburb, and dangerously wounded him. Senator Ledgerwood is a leading Democratic politician and is a strong advocate of United States Senator W. B. Bate, who seeks reelection against ex-Gov. Benton McMillin.

PATTI QUITS.

Cancels All Engagements Made for Her by Grau-Will Leave America.

Hor Springs, Ark., March 8 .- Adelina Patti announced to-day that she would leave immediately for New York and take steamer for England. She says she has cancelled all engagements made for her by Robert Grau.

ODELL SHIPYARD BONDS AGAIN. Advertised for Sale After Having Once Been Withdrawn.

The sale of \$188,000 of United States Shipbuilding first mortgage bonds, together with 500 shares each of preferred and common stock is again advertised and is to take place at noon to-day in the Real Estate Auction Rooms "for account of whom it may concern." The bonds and stock are to be

sold by A. H. Muller & Son. It was learned last night on good authorty that these are the bonds held by Gov. Odell which were advertised for sale a week ago and then withdrawn. It was reported at the time that the reason for this was that Gov. Odell, acting through his counsel, Edward Lauterbach, had agreed to deposit them with the reorganization committee in favor of the new Shipbuilding plan. No reason was learned for the readvertisement of the securities. Mr. Lauterbach refused to discuss the matter.

SEVEN DEAD IN TRAIN WRECK. Passenger Train, Going 75 Miles an Hour,

in Head-on Collision. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 8 .-- A head-on collision between a southbound limited on the Queen and Crescent Railroad, going at the rate of seventy-five miles an hour and a northbound freight train of the Southern Railway, at Kewanee, Miss., south of here, this morning caused the death of seven men and the serious injury

of six others.

The dead are: Pat Larkin, engineer on he passenger train; Mail Messengers D. D. telephoning all over trying to learn of her Nicholson and Robinson Riggs, Mail Weigher T. J. Davidson, Baggage Master H. K. Wakefield, Engineer Gase of the freight and Fireman Autrey of the freight.

The engines were badly smashed. baggage car, a mail car, one coach and six freight cars were destroyed by fire. No passenger was injured. OUT OF THE RUINS ALIVE.

Laborers Were Buried Under Tons of Brick for an Hour. BALTIMORE, March 8 .- Two laborers, Daniel McGuire and Robert Byrnes, were buried under tons of brick to-day; and were rescued alive after being pinned down for more than an hour. They were helping creck a ruined building formerly occu pied by Bough & Sons, fertilizer makers, at South and Water streets when a 15-foot

A thousand people watched, the firemen and police rescue the men. Both men had their heads free for some time while the rescue work was going on. Coroner Martin gave both men whiskey and morphine. Byrnes didn't approve of the morphine and called Police Marshal Farnan. "If yez have any authority;" said, Byrne

make th' doctor quit takin' th' taste of th' whiskey out of me mouth." Each man sustained; a fracture of

right leg and severe bruises. "HAMLET" BY A WOMAN. Edith Wynne Matthison to Play the Part,

With Ben Greet as Polonius. It was announced last night at Daly's Theatre that on Shakespeare's birthday, April 23, in the Garrick Theatre, Philadelphia, Edith Wynne Matthison will play Hamle, with Ben Greet as Polonius. The first folio text will be used, requiring six hours to go through, and the performance will, therefore, begin in the afternoon and wind up in the evening after an intermis-

sion for dinner. Miss Matthison said last night that she and always been anxious to play Hamlet. The part, it was said at Daly's, was last performed by a woman in this country when Anna Dickinson played it. Miss Matthison is playing Viola in "Twelfth Night" at Daly's.

BORN TO UNITED STATES, A SON. Negro of That Name in Indiana Has Issued Cards to the Christening.

DUBLIN, Ind., March 8 .- According to weekly paper published at Winamac, Pulaski county, the United States has a new born son. The announcement reads s follows:

*Born, to United States and wife, Feb. 18, 1904. a son." This may seem strange, but there is a negro in Pulaski ounty so named, and this being their first child, United States and his wife issued cards to their friends to attend the christening of the new son

on March 5. NATIONAL CHAIRMAN.

Ex-Governor Crane Hints That the Presi-

dent Will Make No Suggestion. Ex-Gov. W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts passed through this city yesterday on his way home from Washington, where he had been to see the President. While Mr. Crane intimated that his talk with the President had to do with the chairmanship of the national committee, he added that, so far as he knew, the selection of the chairman would be left to the committee without any suggestion from the President.

Check Blown Eight Miles at Fire. BALTIMORE, March 8 .- William, B. Ashley ame to Baltimore yesterday with a canselled check that was blown from the ruins of the First National Bank in South street Mr. Ashley said that he had picked up the

away, on Monday.

FLEETS' SEA CHASE

Tokio Rumor of a Fight With

SHIPS SAFE, SAYS RUSSIA.

Vladivostok Squadron.

St. Petersburg Says They Are Out on a Hunt.

Gone After Three Cruisers Japan Is Supposed to Have Bought Frem Chile -Admiral Alexies Reports to the Czar That the Japanese Boats Went to Possiet Bay and Then Steamed South-Japan's Main Army Expected to Land Between Port Arthur and the Mouth of the Yalu-Russian Scouts Pushing Along Northeast Corean Coast.

A rumor exists in Tokio to the effect that the Japanese fleet in the north has destroyed or captured the Russian Vladivostok squadron, but reports from St. Petersburg say the Russian squadron has probably gone out to seek three Chilean warships that, it is believed, Japan has purchased. St. Petersburg is confident that these three ships will be captured.

Japan's chief military force is expected to land between Port Arthur and the mouth of the Yalu. The Russians also expect the Japanese to occupy Newchwang and are preparing to evacuate the place. The Czar is receiving daily personal

reports on the war moves. He marks with flags on a map the movements of troops and the fleets. Russian scouts have then south along

the northeastern coast of Corea to within sixty miles of Gensan. Japan's war taxation plans provide for an increased rate on real estate, incomes and leaf tobacco.

RUSSIAN SHIPS CAUGHT? Rumor in Tokio That the Vladivostok Squadron Has Been Destroyed.

Special Cable-Despatches to THE SUN. TORIO, March 8 .- The Government has issued nothing concerning the bombardment of Vladivostok, which the public only learned of from London telegrams. There is an unconfirmed rumor here that the Japanese have engaged the Vladivostok squadron, destroying or capturing the

cruisers composing it. It is reported that there has been a general exodus of civilians inland from Vladivostok since the bombardment. Food is very

scarce there. BERLIN, March 8 .- The National Zeitung rints a St. Petersburg despatch which says it is believed that the Vladivostok squadron under a new commander, Capt. Reitenstein, has gone to search the Pacific for the three Chilean warships Japan is

reported to have bought. Naval officials in St. Petersburg are con-

fident of the capture of these ships. The foreign naval attachés, think, however, that if the Vladivostok squadron ventures too far from the coast it will be overwhelmed by the Japanese. Two fast Japanese cruisers, which were sent out in the middle of February are watching the

movements of the Vladivostok squadron.

It is believed in German naval circles

that the Japanese have placed mines across Ussuri Bay to prevent the Russian crusiers from returning to Vladivostok. St. PETERSBURG, March 8 .- Admiral Alexieff in his report to the Czar to-day said that after the Japanese squadron left Vladivostok harbor yesterday, where it appeared for the second time, it went to

direction. BASE FOR TORPEDO BOATS. Japan Has Seized the Elliot Group of

Possiet Bay. Then it turned opposite

Pallas Bay and steamed off in a southerly

Islands for Naval Operations. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 8 .- The Japanese have taken possession of the whole of the Elliot group of islands and are using them as a

base for their torpedo boats. A report from Chefoo says that fifteen Japanese warships and four torpedo boats have been sighted from there heading for

Newchwang. MESSAGE FOR KING EDWARD. The Russian Ambassador Calls Again

-More Talk of Mediation. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 8 .- Count Benckendorff, the Russian Ambassador, called at Buckingham Palace this afternoon and left message for the King. This is his third

visit since his return from St. Petersburg. It is understood that the constant interchange of telegrams between London and St. Petersburg has resulted in the Ambassador's interviews with his Majesty. Talk of probable mediation continues, but

nothing trustworthy can be ascertained. ALEXIEFF'S REPORT TO CZAR. Official Account of the Japanese Attack

en Vladivostok. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
St. PETERSBURG, March 8.-Admiral Alexieff telegraphed to the Czar to-day from Mukden:

"I have the honor to communicate to your Majesty the following details of the events of March 6. The enemy's squadron approached Vladivostok toward 11 o'clock check on his place at Rock Hall, eight miles in the morning, having passed near Askold